

Wimberley Birding Society Board meeting
April 12, 2022, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Attendees: Susan Evans – President, Bob Currie - Vice President, Doray Lendacky – Secretary, Linda Legett – Treasurer, David Glenn, Lin Weber, Richard Shaver – Director of Wimberley Parks and Recreation, Alice Le Duc

Business Meeting:

Treasurer's report (via email from Laura Legett):

Current balances: PGR fund \$7,799.73	WBS Operations fund \$1,542.48	Total
\$9,342.21		
Expenses: WBS room fee for 3/16/22 meeting \$60.00		
WBS speaker honorarium for 2/22 meeting	\$50.00	
Income: WBS dues \$15.00		
PGR – Chevron match \$2,000.00		

General Discussion

Bird City

Dripping Springs recently received Bird City recognition. Wimberley started application process last year but didn't complete. What are the financial commitments? Initial application fee: \$75.00 and then \$500.00 per 3 years? What are the benefits? Grants, increase tourism, etc. Richard added that application for 2022 is due by Oct 31 and suggested a committee to figure out a plan and action items to apply. The city has budget for 2023

Patsy Glenn Refuge

Outreach program – Wimberley Outdoor Educators (HCMN) hosted presentations on April 5. It was well done, well presented and well received. Resurrect the annual Birding Classic that Jesse Huth leads on April 15? May 14 is Global Big Day bird count. Should/could we start up an quarterly bird walk as an Introduction to Birding and teach basic birding? Share information with Richard and he can advertise. Birds and Brew? Owl Prowl? Birds of a Feather?

Maintenance program - Agreement with city? Who has copy of the MOU? Can we find a copy? WBS members to perform 200 volunteer hours and MN to perform 200 volunteer hours for both the Spring and Fall cleanup projects. Lots of new plants added: Woodland sea oats, Button bush, bald cypress, Lindheimer's Muhly, Mt. Laurel, etc. NPSOT (Native Plants Society of Texas) to maintain the butterfly garden and plant beds. Lin suggested following San Antonio example of the Audubon and NSPOT partnership to promote gardening for birds and pollinators, apply for Native Landscape Certification? Richard shared that the city has supply of mulch that we can exploit. Kiosk picture updates: working on and should be done by 1st of June. The Wimberley Park Stone will be done by the end of April and has Patsy's quote. Discussed possibility of adding a water feature (for example a drip) but maintenance becomes an issue. Bird feeders – change locations (?), replace the under-storage around the bird blind, add suet? Discussed feral cat issue: there is a group of women that feed that cats regularly by leaving opened food cans

in the parking lot. How do we address the cat issue and the feeding of the cats? Rats and raccoons have been observed under the feeders. How do we address this issue? Bird window impacts at the blind: Doray to add white striping on the glass. Lynne Schaffer (who fills the feeders) asked if she continue to purchase bird seed blend or move to black-oiled sunflower seed? Board agreed to keep the blend.

There was discussion about **all groups that utilize PGR** (e.g. HCMN - Wimberley Outdoor Educators and Wild About Nature, NPSOT maintenance work, Wimbirds work days). The should coordinate with Nikolas Farrell, Operations Program Manager with Wim PARD, to post these activities on the Wimberley Parks calendar (and/or Facebook page) – We did not vote on it, but Richard Shaver seemed to be in favor of the idea.

Wimberley Parks will now be managing the Wimberley Community Center;

Next Regular meeting is Monday, May 16 at 10:00am